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1. The "Mir" (Peace) Border Guard Komandatura [redacted] in Petrovo, Sandanski Okoliya was, until 1946, the 3/6 (sic) Border Guard Uchastuk in Petrich. 25X1
2. This Komandatura is housed in an old barracks located about 80 meters from the northern outskirts of Petrovo. There are two large barracks as follows:
 - a. A one-story building, constructed in 1947, with an approximate size of 10-12 x 5-6 meters; and
 - b. A building, 15 x 8 meters in size.

In addition, about three other smaller barracks in the vicinity are used as warehouses, repair shops and stables. The area of the Komandatura is about 100 x 200 meters in size and is enclosed by barbed wire. It is located on the wooded (south) side of the Petrovo plain, northwest of the village.
3. The Komandatura consists of about 45 Border Guard soldiers, 12 or 13 officers and four noncommissioned officers, starshini and urednitsi. The Border Guards are allegedly armed with M 1944 rifles with bayonet attached and a smaller number with submachine guns of the following three types:
 - a. PPSH Model 1941;
 - b. German Schmeiser and;
 - c. Only one Soviet PPS Model 1943.

No other weapons were observed with the exception of a gun in an emplacement, which [redacted] is either an antitank gun, a mortar or an anti-

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aircraft machine gun.

4. [] the following command personnel:

a. Lieutenant Mikhalkov (fnu) []

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[] Commanding Officer of the Komandatura;

b. Senior Lieutenant Zakhariev (fnu) []

[] Political Officer of the Komandatura; he replaced Senior Lieutenant Marinov (fnu) who left in April 1953 for an unknown location;

c. Junior Lieutenant Stoyanov (fnu) []

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d. Lieutenant Boris Tsanev []

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[] probably a DS officer because he visits the surrounding villages;

e. Junior Lieutenant Kamenov (fnu) []

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Kamenov is actively engaged in recruiting agents from the villages around Petrovo for "across the border" espionage; probably in the service of the DS; he was seen in civilian clothes visiting the villages []

f. Junior Lieutenant Androv (fnu) []

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[] probably from the DS since he often visits the villages in civilian clothes; []

g. Senior Lieutenant Randelov (fnu) []

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[] Communist probably DS officer since he often visits the surrounding villages; and

h. Master Sergeant Pesho Tsolev []
Komandatura

supply sergeant in the []

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5. The location of the Komandatura ammunition and arms depot is unknown. The Komandatura is equipped with one truck and one horse-drawn wagon..

6. The following zastavas are subordinate to the "Mir" Komandatura []

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a. Zastava "Dryan" (Dogwood), located about 100 meters south of Novo Lyakhovo (N 41-25, E 23-30), Sandanski Okoliya, in the fields []

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b. Zastava in Khodzovo (N 41-20, E 23-24), Sandanski Okoliya, name unknown; located about one kilometer south of the village; the commanding officer of the zastava prior to the fall of 1952 was Senior Lieutenant Zakhariev, now political officer in the "Mir" Komandatura []

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c. Zastava in Goleshevo (N 41-26, E 23-36), Sandanski Okoliya, located south of the village one kilometer from the area known as "Pod Sveti Iliya"; strength about 30 soldiers; and

d. Zastava in Paril (N 41-26, E 23-41). Sandanski Okoliya []

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In case of intensified vigilance in the border area of "Mir" Komandatura, reinforcements arrive from an unidentified Border Guard Podelenie in Petrich.

Other Border Guard Units

7. [] a komandatura is located in Gavtanovo (N 41-27, E 23-44), Gotse Delchev Okoliya [] there is a Border Guard Podelenie in Kulata (N 41-23, E 23-22), Petrich Okoliya, []
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8. Regular patrols are being given by the zastavas of the "Mir" Komandatura on the path which is parallel to the border line and which begins from Novo Lyakhovo and reaches the peak "Ali Botush" (N 41-22, E 23-37). Patrols are given almost every day on this path especially in the area where the path traverses the "Tsürvenkovitsa" (N 41-24, E 23-32) locality. This is only one kilometer from the border, which is covered with dense woods of thorny elms and a few "Bodliv Gabür" trees sometimes right up to the border line.
9. The border line between "Tsürvenkovitsa" and "Popin Dol" is not marked and has no technical defenses, while the border line south of Novo Lyakhovo has a fence with a plowed strip.

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